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**NOTIFICATION**

1. Whereas Amendment to the Section 23 (2) of the RTE Act to extend the period for training of untrained teachers to March 31, 2019 has been passed by the Parliament as The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2017, No. 24 of 2017 vide No. 34 dated August 10, 2017 Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.
2. And whereas, it has been reiterated that this will be the last and final chance to acquire the requisite minimum professional qualification for the teachers teaching at the elementary level. Any teacher, who does not have the minimum qualification mandated under the RTE Act, 2009, would not be allowed to continue in the service beyond April 01, 2019, and procedure for dismissal shall be initiated against such teachers.
3. Consequent upon this, **all regular untrained elementary level teachers** including Head of Schools teaching in Government Schools, Recognized Private Schools and Monastic Schools have to undertake Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) course through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode on National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
4. Pre-primary teachers and all ad-hoc elementary teachers in HRDD, SSA, RMSA, Language and Sanskrit teachers may also apply for this course, if they so desire. However, this will not confer upon them a right to claim for regularization.
5. For teachers in Private Schools, a Certificate from the Principal would be taken to ensure that the teacher is serving in that School.
6. Elementary Teacher, in the context of Sikkim, means
  - a. Primary Teachers teaching in classes I-V
  - b. Graduate Teachers teaching in classes VI-VIII
  - c. All Language Teachers including Sanskrit Teachers, Monastic Teachers teaching from Classes I to VIII